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.1 Purpose. This OPM amends the "Helicopter Emergency Seating Positions" contained in the *Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide (IHOG)*.

.2 General. The "Helicopter Emergency Seating Positions" contained in the IHOG are incorrect.

.3 Policy.

A. Discontinue using the emergency seating positions described in the IHOG, Chapter 10, Exhibit 10-2, page 10-9.

B. Passengers shall use the following emergency seating positions:

Passengers without shoulder harnesses: bend forward at the waist as far as possible and grasp arms under legs, regardless of seating configuration.

Passengers with shoulder harness: sit in full upright position with head and back against seat and use arms to brace in position, regardless of seating configuration.

C. These new procedures will be reflected in the next revision of the IHOG as well as all other affected guides, documents and training packages.

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